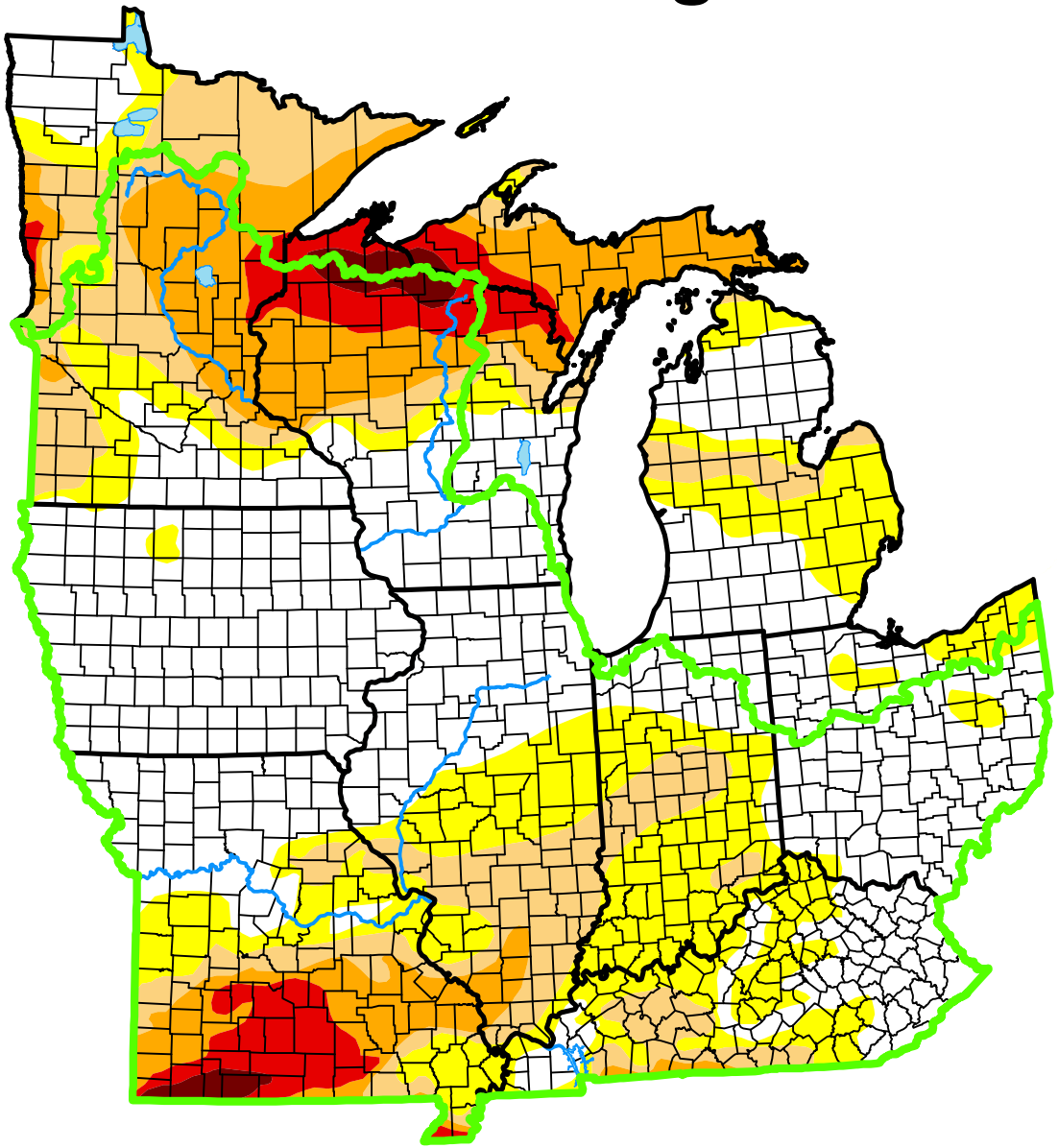
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# Midwest DEWS and Surrounding Areas



## October 27, 2026

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

| | None | D0 | D1 | D2 | D3 | D4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Current** | 45.61 | 21.42 | 15.05 | 12.04 | 4.73 | 1.14 |
| **Last Week** *10-20-2026* | 49.46 | 20.83 | 14.02 | 10.04 | 4.93 | 0.71 |
| **3 Months Ago** *07-28-2026* | 57.73 | 20.74 | 14.63 | 6.89 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| **Start of Calendar Year** *01-06-2026* | 28.39 | 34.88 | 27.79 | 7.01 | 1.94 | 0.00 |
| **Start of Water Year** *09-29-2026* | 54.21 | 18.45 | 14.45 | 8.22 | 4.32 | 0.34 |
| **One Year Ago** *10-28-2025* | 31.22 | 35.23 | 21.91 | 9.71 | 1.93 | 0.00 |

(Statistics for area highlighted in green)

*Intensity:*

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx*

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